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SRI KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, have the Government got any proposal to appoint such social workers at least in the Headquarters Hospital of the districts? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is no such proposal at present, Sir."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" சென்னை ஆஸ்பத்திரியில் இருக்கிற Social workers என்ன வேலை செய்கிறார்கள் ? "

May I know what work the social workers are turning out? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" In the three city hospitals mentioned, they are attached to the venereal section of the hospitals. They visit the houses of the patients, trace contacts, advise them to have treatment and ask them to avoid re-infection."

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" Do these social workers receive any remuneration and are they full-time workers? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, they are allowed the scale of Rs. 85—150, the pay admissible for nurses. In addition, they are given house rent allowance, conveyance allowance, dhobi allowance, uniform allowance, etc."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of social workers attending the hospital during visiting hours a table being allotted to them in a prominent place, so that people may go to them and seek their advice? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I suppose all necessary arrangements are now made."

Inclusion of M.L.As. in the District Harijan Welfare Committees.

* 849 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN (on behalf of Sri M. Kattimuthu): Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the Members of the Madras Legislative Assembly are not included in the District Harijan Welfare Committees;

(*b*) whether there are any district committees for the selection of Harijan students as boarders in the Harijan hostels of the respective districts, and if so, the strength of each committee; and

(*c*) whether the Manager of a Harijan hostel can admit students at his own discretion?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) The selection of members to the District Harijan Welfare Committees is made with reference to the interest taken by the candidates in the Harijan welfare work. It is not possible to select all Members of the Legislature as the number of non-official members of the committee is limited.

" (*b*) & (*c*) No."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" ஹரிஜன முன்னேற்றத்தில் அக்கறை கொண்டவர்கள் என்பதைத் தெரிந்துகொள்வதற்கு சர்க்கார் என்ன முறையைக் கையாள்கிருர்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, the Government have got not only their own machinery, but they know who are all taking interest in this work. They receive reports from Collectors. There are some prominent workers who are already known to the Government."

Harassment of Harijans by Maravas at Etteri, Tirunelveli district.

* 850 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received any representation from Etteri Adi-Dravida Seerthirutha Sangham regarding raids and harassment against the Harijans at Etteri, Tirunelveli district, at midnight on 6th August 1953 by Maravas; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government and the results?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) A case was registered under sections 457 and 380, I.P.C., but this was referred as ' undetectable '.

Steps were also taken to initiate security proceedings under section 110 (a), Cr.P.C., against four Maravars. The respondents however were discharged as they had compromised their differences with the Harijans through the mediation of the Harijan Welfare Officer."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" 1953-ம் வருஷம் ஆகஸ்ட்டு மீ 6உ-ல் ஈட்டேரியில் நடந்த சம்பவம் சம்பந்தமாக அதைச்சுற்றிலும் உள்ள ஹரிஜன சங்கங்கள் சூறையாடப்பட்டு, சில கொலே, களவும் ஏற்பட்டிருப்பதாக சொல்லப் படுகிறது. இந்த விஷயத்தில் அரசாங்கம் ஒன்றும் செய்வதற்கில்லே என்று தெரிவித்து ஜாதி இந்துக்கள் மீது தனிப்பட்ட கேஸ் போடுமாறு சொல்லு கிருர்கள். ஹரிஜனங்கள் பணத்திற்கு எங்கே போவார்கள் ? ஆதலால் சர்க்கார் இதுமாதிரியான விஷயங்களில் சரியான முறையைக்கையாள வேண்டுமென்று கலெக்டர்களுக்கு உத்திரவு பிறப்பிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I have no information with reference to the subsequent events alleged by the hon. Member. But, if they are brought to my notice, certainly suitable action will be taken."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" சமாதானமாகிவிட்டதாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் கூறினுர்கள். சமாதானத்துக்குப் பின்பும் கொடுமைகள் நடந்து கொண்டிருப்பதாக அவ்வூர் ஹரிஜனங்களிடமிருந்து சர்க்காருக்குத் தகவல் ஏதாவது வந்ததா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I do not have any information with me now that there were subsequent events. But, anyhow, if any incident happened and if that is brought to my notice, suitable action will certainly be taken."